

Interagency Wildfire Management Team  
Meeting Notes  
March 12, 2003

Note: These IWMT meeting notes are provided through the courtesy of Pat Valerio.

Gene Darling (LANL) announced the recent high fire danger levels of the surrounding areas. The fire zone board will meet on 3/13/03 in Santa Fe.

Manny Lesperance (LANL) announced that DX has acquired three 10,000 gallon water tanks that will be sited at the firing sites. Fire tools are being collected and stored at the TA-49 fire cache for later use.

Nando Lucero (USFS) announced that the Santa Fe watershed pile burning project has been completed with no injuries to workers. The helicopter scheduled for standby for the upcoming fire season has a \$200K deficit that may delay any hope of obtaining it earlier than usual (May 15).

Bill Gall (NNSA) announced that he recently toured some of the CGRP projects with Steve Mee.

Fran Talley (LANL) briefly spoke about the upcoming Wildfire 2003 public meeting to be held on April 15, 2003 at Graves Hall at the United Church in Los Alamos.

Jim Streit (LANL) expressed concern over the pile of wooden palets that is located next to the air curtain destructor burn pit. As the fire season progresses, Jim will prepare fire restriction notices and alerts.

Phil Taylor (LA County) announced an in-house evacuation planning meeting schedule for the week of 3/17/03.

Doug Tucker (LA Fire Dept) announced that DX, TA-15 folks are looking for site reps for site safety consultations and coordination. The defensible space working group is making progress in planning areas 1, 2 and 3.

Steve Mee (LANL) announced that additional trucks have been ordered for the removal of satellite slash piles and wood decks that are scattered around the Laboratory. The tree thinning project behind the DOE building including the Los Alamos Hospital has begun but is temporarily on hold until the Spotted Owl surveys are completed. The Rendija Canyon thinning project should begin around mid April.

The next IWMT meeting will be at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, March 26, at TA-21, Building 210 in the RRES-ECO Conference Room (142). The IWMT meets every other week and these meetings are open to the public. Contact Randy Balice (balice@lanl.gov, 665-1270) for further information, or to get on the distribution list for these meeting notes.

